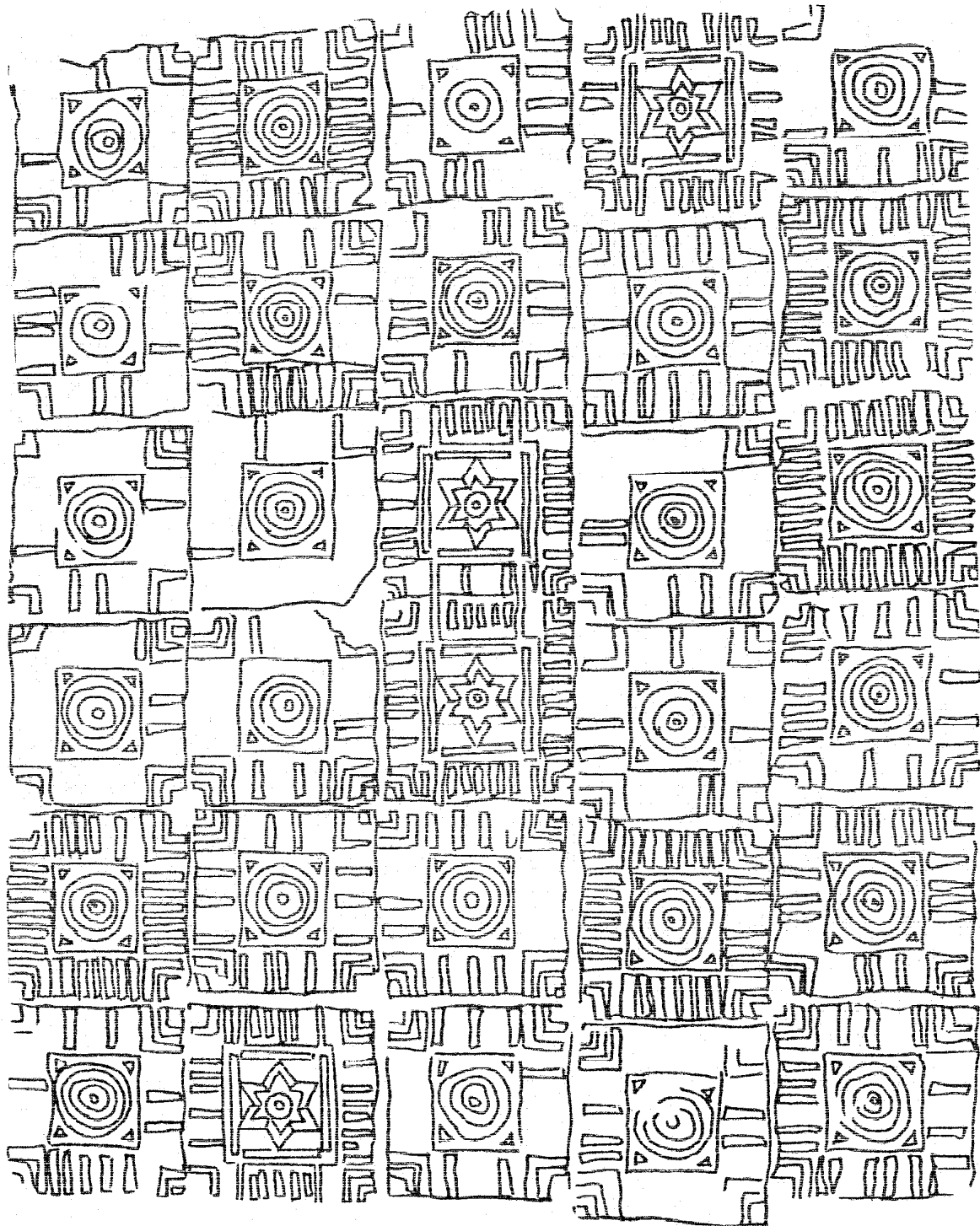

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Cabell Street is the major thoroughfare in the Daniel's Hill Historic District while the parallel streets, Norwood and Hancock Streets, are much narrower as are the various cross streets. Many of these streets retain their original character and lack sidewalks or curbs. "D" Street still has its brick paving from Hancock to Cabell Streets, but all other streets in the district now have asphalt paving.

Many of the original limestone and granite curbstones survive throughout the district although the repaving of the streets has, in some cases, almost covered up these original streetscape features.

Where sidewalks exist in the district, there are still a variety of original materials in use including patterned brick and stone slabs. The majority of these walks are in fair to poor condition. The walls of continuity between lots and the sidewalks contain a variety of historic materials including cast iron fences, stone walls, and hedges along Cabell Street. Many of these elements have disappeared over the years and much of the remaining fabric is in poor condition.

Additional landscaping is primarily on each individual lot since there is no strip between the sidewalk and street on the Cabell Street thoroughfare. Many mature trees and landscaping exist throughout the district although much of it is in need of maintenance. Utility poles and overhead wires stretch throughout the district and lighting is provided by cobra mounts on the wooden poles.

DIAMOND HILL

As with all of Lynchburg's historic districts, the majority of the streets in Diamond Hill have asphalt paving although Clay Street retains its original brick paving to Washington Street. Many of the original stone curbs also survive throughout the district. Brick paved sidewalks are still used on Clay Street and on parts of Washington, Madison, and Pearl Streets. Some of the narrower streets, such as Diamond and Chestnut, lack complete sidewalks.

The stairs connecting 12th and Clay Streets and the path connecting Grace Street with Madison Street are two additional pedestrian circulation routes that add interest to the district. Similarly a third stairway path connects an alley with Grace Street and provides access to three residences.

Stone walls remain on parts of Washington, Grace, and Clay Streets. In addition there are several significant cast iron and wrought iron fences along Washington Street providing walls of continuity as do various hedges throughout the district.

In general, private landscaping is well maintained with many and varied examples of mature species of trees and shrubs. Street trees are present throughout the district, but are particularly prominent on Clay Street. Wooden utility poles carry overhead wires and cobra streetlights throughout the district.

FEDERAL HILL

Streets are generally residential in scale and consist of asphalt paving over existing brick and cobble paving blocks. Federal is the widest street in the district and the block of Harrison between 11th and 12th Streets retains part of an earlier street-car track turn-around. Curbs are almost universally granite or limestone except where recent replacements have been made, but because of built up layers of paving some of these curbs are almost covered over.

Sidewalk materials vary and include brick, pressed patterned brick, stone slabs, and, where recently replaced, concrete. There is a pedestrian path connecting Federal Street with Harrison Street along the northern edge of the Frank Roane School property.

As in all of Lynchburg's historic districts, there are various cast iron and picket fences, stone walls, and hedges providing walls of continuity along the street. Unfortunately, some of these elements are missing and many are in need of repair.

Street trees and landscaping vary throughout the district; however, along Harrison Street between 10th and 11th Streets a dense canopy of mature trees is planted in the landscaped strip between the sidewalk and street curb.

Wooden utility poles carry overhead wires throughout the district and the poles are also used as supports for cobra head streetlights. Several historic blue and white ceramic street signs remain on the sides of corner residences.

GARLAND HILL

Continuity of many original elements and materials contributes greatly to the area's character. This is particularly true of Madison Street with its original brick paving and mature trees.

The remaining streets of the district consist of asphalt paving over existing brick or cobble pavers. In some instances, sections of brick and cobble pavers are still exposed. Curbs are granite or limestone, except where recent replacements have been made. Many ornate iron fences and gates remain in use although several are in poor repair.

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